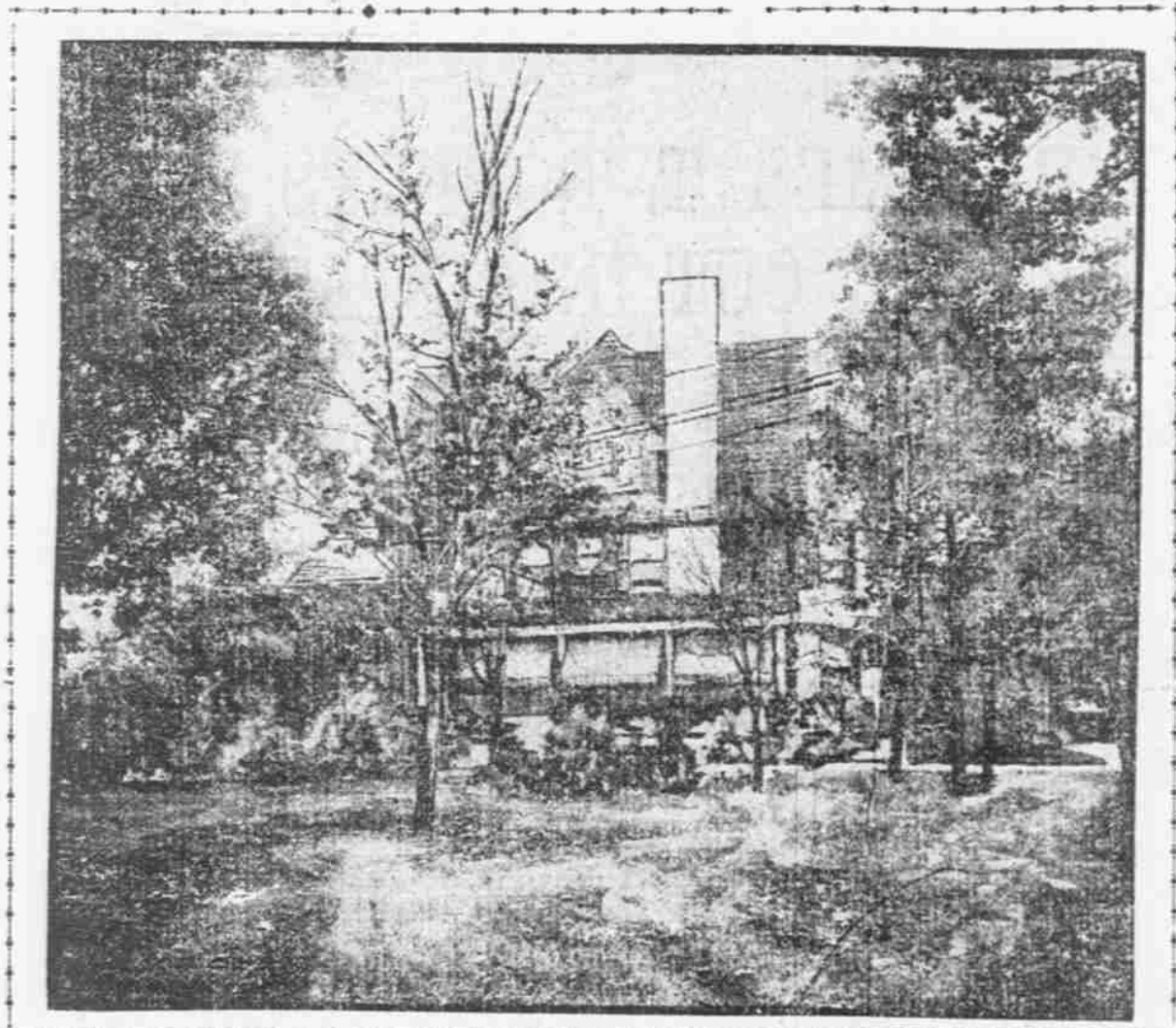


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"Airdrie," the country place of James L. Blair, is one of the most palatial residences in or near St. Louis. It is not in the State of Missouri, it lies midway between Kirkwood and Webster, on the Sappington road, with Glendale as the nearest railroad station. Mr. and Mrs. Blair purchased the place seven years ago from the estate of Christy Church, who built the house; but they have improved and altered both house and grounds to such an extent that scarcely any semblance of the former place remains. Handsome stone gates, overgrown with ivy and built after designs of the elder son of the house, Percy Blair, mark entrance to the grounds, which are laid out in charming fashion and covered with the choicest trees and shrubs. Mr. Blair has always taken the greatest personal pride in these, and many of them he planted himself and caused to be planted. Several fine old oaks and rose vines have been trained to spread their foliage over piazzas and arbors un-

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When searching for the papers in the Blanchard case, Roberts says that he came across a bundle of envelopes and documents in the safe, which gave him the opportunity to make the discovery leading up to this disclosure.

In these envelopes he claims to have found names of persons who were supposed to have borrowed money from Dick Bros. & Co. Here, he declared, he found portions of certificates of title and canceled interest notes.

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